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**LAW ENFORCEMENT VETERAN TO LEAD INSURANCE FRAUD UNIT**  
***Eugene Sherrard's experience includes time as Louisville police chief***

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Dec. 28, 2006) – A former chief of police in Louisville has been appointed director of the Insurance Fraud Investigation Division of the Kentucky Office of Insurance.

Eugene Sherrard began his career in 1971 as a dispatcher for the Kentucky State Police post in Richmond while pursuing a degree in law enforcement at Eastern Kentucky University. After graduation, he joined the Louisville Division of Police, rising through the ranks from patrol officer to chief of police.

As chief in 1999 and 2000, Sherrard supervised 1,000 employees and was responsible for a \$60 million budget. He also served in his career as a homicide detective, commander of the Crimes Against Persons unit, commander of the Criminal Investigation section and assistant commander of Metro Narcotics.

“I feel very fortunate to have been selected for this position, and I look forward to the challenges this new opportunity will bring,” Sherrard said.

“We are very fortunate to find someone with this wealth of experience to lead our fraud division,” said Julie Mix McPeak, executive director of the Office of Insurance. “His proven commitment to law enforcement and dedication to protecting citizens of the commonwealth will benefit those we serve.”

According to the Coalition Against Insurance Fraud, insurance fraud totals \$80 billion annually and may cost the average American family at least \$950 each year.